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SUBJ: PROPOSED IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT WE RAISED
WITH EAMONN GALLAGHER, NEWLY DESIGNATED DEPUTY SECRETARY
OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, QUESTION OF PROPOSED
MAY 26 IEA MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. DRAWING ON
REFTEL, WE POINTED OUT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER PLANS
TO HEAD US DELEGATIONS TO BOTH OECD AND IEA, AND WE ASKED
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FOR GOI SUPPORT FOR US PROPOSAL. WE SPECIFICALLY ASKED

GALLAGHER TO HOLD THIS MATTER CLOSELY FOR PRESENT TIME.

2. GALLAGHER NOTED THAT POSSIBILITY OF MINISTERIAL MEETING HAD BEEN BROACHED AT SMALL INFORMAL MEETING HELD BY DAVIGNON IN BRUSSELS ON FEBRUARY 22. REPRESENTATIVES OF US, UK, BELGIUM, JAPAN, SWITZERLAND, DENMARK AND IRELAND WERE PRESENT. GALLAGHER SAID THAT PRELIMINARY REACTION OF MOST OF THOSE PRESENT WAS NEGATIVE. FEELING WAS, HE SAID, THAT IEA IS DOING QUITE WELL AT PRESENT AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE TO MOVE ITS DELIBERATIONS INTO THE POLITICAL AREAN ANY MORE THAN THEY ALREADY ARE. ALSO, SOME WERE OF THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GET PAST THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER PREPCON BEFORE DECISION IS TAKEN ON WHETHER TO HAVE MINISTERIAL MEETING, THE FEAR BEING THAT THERE WOULD BE TENDENCY ON PART OF PREPCON NOT TO TAKE DECISIONS BUT TO DEFER TO MINISTERS. GALLAGHER SAID HIS PERSONAL FEELING WAS THAT, CONSIDERING ALL FACTORS INCLUDING THOSE IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER TO LEAVE IEA TO ITS WORK AND NOT TO ESCALATE TO MINISTERIAL LEVEL. HE HASTENED TO POINT OUT THAT THIS VIEW WAS PERSONAL AND NOT VERY STRONG, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS OFFICIAL VIEW OF GOI.

3. WE ASKED GALLAGHER TO BRING THE MATTER TO ATTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD. GALLAGHER SAID HE EXPECTED SEE FITZGERALD EVENING MARCH 2 AND WOULD RAISE ISSUE AT THAT TIME. HE SAID HE WOULD LET US KNOW POSITION GOI EXPECTS TO ADOPT, BUT HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY DECISION BEFORE WEEK OR SO.

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